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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: GOI DEMARCHE TO JAPAN ON SHOWA MARU TANKER  
INCIDENT

REF: JAKARTA 0409; KUALA LUMPUR 0139; TOKYO 0224;  
SINGAPORE 0134

BEGIN SUMMARY: GOI ACTING FONMIN PANGGABEAN ISSUED  
OFFICIAL APPEAL TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR JAN.10 AS RESULT  
OF SHOWA MARU TANKER ACCIDENT IN INDONESIAN WATERS OF  
MALACCA STRAITS JAN.6, REQUESTING COOPERATION IN PRE-  
VENTING FUTURE ACCI-  
DENTS AND NOTING INDONESIAN VIEW THAT  
STRAITS ARE UNSAFE FOR SHIPS EXCEEDING 200,000 TONS.  
FONMIN MALIK SAID, HOWEVER, ON HIS RETURN FROM MANILA  
JAN. 11, THAT INDONESIA'S LEGAL CLAIM OVER STRAITS  
NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY STRONG FOR IT TO IMPOSE LIMITATION  
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ON STRAITS SHIPPING, SINCE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HAS

NOT YET DECIDED QUESTION. FOLLOWING BASED ON PRESS  
REPORTS JAN. 11-13. END SUMMARY.

1. MINDEF GENERAL PANGGABEAN (WHO WAS ACTING FONMIN  
LAST WEEK IN MALIK'S ABSENCE) SUMMONED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR  
SUNOBE JAN. 10 TO DISCUSS SHOWA MARU INCIDENT. ACCORDING  
FONDEP STATEMENT, PANGGABEAN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) GOI WILL CLAIM COMPENSATION FOR OIL SPILL DAMAGES;  
B) THE SHOWA MARU SHOULD NOT BE MOVED FROM ACCIDENT  
SITE UNTIL FIRST PHASE OF INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED  
BY GOI TEAM IS COMPLETE;  
C) GOJ SHOULD UNDERSTAND INTERESTS OF INDONESIA AND  
OTHER COASTAL STATES FOR SAFETY OF SHIPPING IN STRAITS  
AND PROTECTION AGAINST POLLUTION DANGER; AND  
D) GOI REQUESTS JAPANESE COOPERATION TO PREVENT  
FUTURE INCIDENTS. PANGGABEAN ALSO NOTED GOI DESIRE THAT  
SHIPS EXCEEDING 200,000 TONS CAPACITY USE ALTERNATE  
STRAITS OF LOMBOK/MAKASSAR ROUTE.

2. JAKARTA PAPERS ALSO REPORT THAT IN KUALA  
LUMPUR, MALAYSIAN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SIMILAR  
DEMARCHES TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THERE.

3. FONMIN ADAM MALIK, SPEAKING AT AIRPORT PRESS CON-  
FERENCE ON HIS RETURN FROM PHILIPPINES JAN. 11, "DEEPLY  
DEPLORED" ACCIDENT, NOTING PREVIOUS GOI WARNINGS AGAINST  
USE OF STRAITS BY TANKERS OF OVER 200,000 TONS, AND  
APPEALED TO JAPAN TO RECOGNIZE LIMITATION. MALIK ADDED,  
HOWEVER, THAT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET  
ADOPTED INDONESIAN CLAIM OF TWELVE-MILE LIMIT WHICH WOULD  
MAKE STRAITS TERRITORIAL WATERS; INDONESIAN THEREFORE  
LACKS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG LEGAL BASIS FOR IMPOSING LIMITA-  
TIONS ON SHIPPING THROUGH STRAITS, HE SAID. MALIK SAID  
INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE SHOULD ACT TOGETHER IN  
SEEKING JAPANESE COOPERATION FOR NEW POLICY OVER STRAITS  
SHIPPING, NOTING THAT SINGAPORE HAS MUCH TO LOSE BY  
CONTINUING TO REMAIN SILENT.

4. QUESTION OF COMPENSATION TO INDONESIA REMAINS  
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HYPOTHETICAL, AS OIL SLICKS FROM ACCIDENT, AT THE MOMENT,  
THREATEN ONLY SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA COASTS. OFFICIAL  
STATEMENTS HAVE NOT CLARIFIED AGAINST WHOM GOI WOULD  
CLAIM COMPENSATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, JAKARTA PAPERS  
HAVE REPORTED STATEMENTS BY JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER  
MIYAZAWA AND SAMPEI YAMAJI, PRESIDENT OF TAIHEIYO  
KAIUA CO., OWNERS OF SHOWA MNXVN THAT ACCIDENT IS CIVIL  
MATTER AND THAT COMPANY IS INSURED UP TO \$30 MILLION AND

WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO PAY DAMAGES. YAMAJI AND  
OTHER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY LEFT FOR  
SINGAPORE ON SATURDAY ANAND WILL ALSO VISIT INDONESIA AND  
MALAYSIA TO DISCUSS ACCIDENT.

5. ANOTHER TOKYO DATELINED REPORT IN LOCAL PRESS  
QUOTES JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAYING GOJ WILL AGAIN  
PROMPT GOI TO BEGIN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OF LOMBOK AND  
MAKASSAR STRAITS ORIGINALLY AGREED ON BY THE TWO GOVERN-  
MENTS BUT DELAYED BY INDONESIANS. ALSO, JAPANESE  
SEAMEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS REPORTEDLY DEMANDED, AS RESULT  
OF SHOWA MARU ACCIDENT, THAT TANKERS OF OVER 150,000  
TONS CAPACITY USE LOMBOK/MAKASSAR FROM PERSIAN GULF TO  
JAPAN FOR SAFETY REASONS.  
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